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Ongoing project to clear Beaver Dam Creek bed takes shape in City of Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The long anticipated final phase of the levee rehabilitation project in Elba continues to take shape as debris along the old Beaver Dam Creek bed from Jackson Street over to Putnam Street takes shape.

Not only is the project expected to make the area more attractive with the creek bed cleaned, but officials believe it will increase the water storage capacity for run-off water from storms. The contractor will clean the creek bed area, create a 3-1 slope and grass the area where it can be kept cut and maintained.

During times when the Pea River rises above the drain pipes through the levee, the pressure of the water forces the flap gates

to close and prevents the river from entering the city. This is when the pumps in two catch basins can begin pumping the collected water over the levee and into the river.

The project covers approximately 62 acres within the creek bed. The total cost of the contract is \$707,250.

Before cleaning began, Elba Mayor James Grimes said there was all sorts of trash and debris in the grown up area which can create health hazards as well as the run-off problem. Local offi-

cials also hope the work will help eliminate mosquito problems in the areas surrounding the creek bed.

The mayor said the city will take over the maintenance of this area after the project work has been completed.

Mayor Grimes has said he expects all aspects of this project to be a plus for continued flood control in Elba. Once this current project is finished, the overall levee rehabilitation project will finally be considered complete.

All citizens encouraged to be vaccinated against influenza

In light of recent reports of severe influenza illness among children, the Alabama Department of Public Health takes this opportunity to encourage all persons to be vaccinated against influenza.

Influenza vaccine can be administered to children as young as 6 months of age.

"It is always disturbing to learn about severe cases of

influenza, particularly those among small children," said Dr. Donald E. Williamson, state health officer. "I am encouraged that vaccine supplies should be ample for all those who seek vaccination, and I encourage persons to do so."

The public is urged to contact their local health care provider or county health department to inquire about influenza vaccine.

Elba City Schools working to improve school website but needs community help for one section in particular

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Internet websites continue to be a growing source of information whether it be up-to-date happenings or a reflection upon the past, and Elba City Schools recently has been working to ensure its website meets all the needs of those searching for knowledge.

Jeff Ellis, technology coordinator for Elba City Schools, has been working to update the school system's website. His objective is to make the website user friendly and become an avenue for reaching people near and far.

"With the website we can let people know through the Internet what a great thing we have here (in Elba)," Ellis said. "Technology including the Internet is the way to the future and this website can become a good way for us to reach out to people."

Ellis said he is passionate about Elba having the best school system it can, and he believes the website can help others realize what he already knows. Also, he said he hopes the website will help draw people to Elba.

"There is no school system I know of that has the community's support like it does here in Elba," he said. "I wish I had graduated from here. There is so much tradition and pride that goes way back."

Ellis said he believes the tradition and pride Elba has long been known for can be a huge tool in promoting the school and city. He's hoping the website can become a way to introduce and remind people of that tradition and pride which he said is one of the things he loves so much about Elba.

With that in mind, Ellis said he's working to create a "pride" section to the website called, "Why We're Proud of Our School." He said this section will highlight the various programs at Elba City Schools and will serve as a reflection for past accomplishments.

Ellis said this section can be a great spot for memories of Elba athletics, band/music, clubs/organizations, the D.A.R.E. program and much more. While he's excited about it's possibilities, Ellis said he definitely will need help to make it an overall success.



Anyone interested in the happenings at Elba City Schools is encouraged to visit the newly upgraded website. Technology coordinator Jeff Ellis has been and continues to work on this site in hopes of making it an outreach tool. Above, an interested Elba High alumnus takes a look at the website and it's features.

"I'm asking for help from the community in getting together information and photos to show why our school system is so great," he said.

Ellis said the public can submit stuff to help him compile a listing of events and accomplishments that together make Elba what it was yesterday and what it is today. He said he also would love to have old photos to post on the website.

Of course, Ellis said he will return any submitted item to the proper owner once he has finished with it. He said such items can be mailed, dropped off at the superintendent's office, or emailed. Also anyone needing additional information can call

Ellis at the superintendent's office.

Ellis said he does have the capability of scanning photos. He can be reached by email at jellis@elbaed.com. Items for mail should be sent to Jeff Ellis, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323 or he can be reached by phone at (334) 897-2801.

Ellis said he hopes this project will help create a resurgence of pride for the school system within the community and he looks forward to sharing the memories and accomplishments of the Elba City Schools' family.

The Elba City Schools website can be viewed at: www.elbaed.com.

Area Happenings

George M. Homyak accepted the position of Animal Control Officer for the City of Elba six years ago. He has a total of 15 years service altogether with the city.

Homyak said he chose the job after being asked to take over as the animal control officer following the retirement of the previous officer.

He said his most memorable experience has been the extradition of seven newborn puppies from under a walkway. The mother and puppies were adopted.

Officer Homyak said he also enjoys working to get the dogs brought to the shelter adopted and working with animal rescue organizations.

Homyak received special/advanced training for Level I and Level II, Auburn University Montgomery, Alabama Animal Control Association Training Academy.



The final phase of the levee rehabilitation project in Elba continues to take shape as the old Beaver Dam Creek bed is being cleared, sloped and grassed. The creek bed will be maintained by the City of Elba once work is complete. Not only will the clearing of the creek bed help to increase storage capacity for run-off water for storms, but it also is helping to make the area surrounding the creek bed much more attractive. Officials seem very excited to have this portion of the project underway and nearing completion.

Local citizens share their hopes and expectations for 2007

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

The year 2007 arrived this week with many people making those ever famous New Year's Resolutions.

Such ponderings most likely

brought thoughts of, "I need to lose some pounds," "I want to make more money," "While these are equally important to those making their resolutions, often times wishes for the new year also bring deeper revelations such as wanting a better America, better Elba or even a better world."

With this in mind, a handful of local citizens were asked, "As we enter the new year, what are your hopes and/or expectations for 2007?" Their responses included:

Randy Eddins - "My hopes for the future and the new year are that: (1) America doesn't

fall out of the grace of God and (2) that Elba continues to grow and would have a great economy like when we had Dorsey's and Kleiner's and to see people shopping again around the square, like it was when I was a boy."

Belinda Williams - "I hope for a more peaceful world and for my friends and family to have a happy and healthy new year."

Marty Claveria - "I hope for a prosperous and healthy new year and that the 'boys' in Iraq come home. I also hope to get along well, as I'm new in town."

Kay Mack - "In 2007 I would like to see this town experience a revival where people would humble their hearts and lives toward God; where they recognize the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all and would be like the shepherds at His birth."

Shelby plans county visit to area

U. S. Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) will join the residents of Coffee County for a county visit on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 4 p.m. The county visit, which is open to the public, will take place at the Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street in Elba.

Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda for the 110th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama. Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Sen. Shelby said, "Over the

years, these meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the activities of our government. This will be a great chance to discuss the important issues facing our state and our nation as the 110th Congress convenes."

Sen. Shelby has held over 1300 county visits since being elected to serve the state of Alabama. As part of his commitment to Alabamians, Sen. Shelby holds a meeting in each county once a year.



Animal Control Officer George Homyak

He also has training for fire, rescue and emergency management.

In his spare time, Officer Homyak enjoys collecting die-

cast metal fire and rescue vehicles, reading and taking courses on emergency management.

He and his wife, Betty, have one daughter, Kayla.



Randy Eddins



Belinda Williams



Marty Claveria



Kay Mack

SCHOOLS

Teacher Spotlight

by Tierney Starks



This week's Teacher Spotlight is **Mona Wise**.

Mrs. Wise is happily married to Gappa Wise. Together they have three children, Hudson, age 6, Carson and Paxton, age 3. Mrs. Wise is a first grade teacher at Elba Elementary School. She has been teaching at Elba Elementary School for eight years.

Mrs. Wise attended Troy University. She enjoys going to the beach, being with family and friends, working in the yard and, of course, shopping.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
**Ashton Rodriguez
& Ciara Burrows**

Annual Elbala pageants set for Saturday, Jan. 27, at Elba High

by Tierney Starks

The 2007 Elbala Pageant will be held Saturday, Jan. 27.

For the first time, the journalism staff, sponsor of the pageants, is inviting the past Elbala queens.

Junior high and high school students grades 7-12 voted on the five girls whom they would like to represent their class in the pageant. Also, for the first time, the elementary school, grades 4-6 voted, as well.

Other girls who would like to participate can pay a \$10 entry fee. These girls should contact Mrs. Bucklew or a journalism member.

Entry forms will be available when school resumes in January. The attire will be the same as in past years with Miss Elbala contestants wearing evening gowns (pageant wear), Jr. Miss contestants wearing suits, and elementary school contestants wearing heirloom or Sunday dress.

The theme for this year's pageant is "Enchantment Under The Sea."

Any former Miss Elbala Queens from 1966 to 2006 and Miss Bronze Queens from 1978 to 1988, who would like to attend, should contact Mrs. Bucklew or any journalism member at the high school at 897-2266. Staff members are attempting to contact these ladies, but some addresses are difficult to locate.

Teamwork allows for improvements at Elba High School baseball field

by Ashton Rodriguez

Athletic club members and baseball players have been hard at work for several weeks now improving the Elba High School baseball field.

The groups have worked on Saturdays for the past month and a half (9 a.m. until) trying to improve the facility and do so economically. Parents, baseball players, athletic club members, and coaches have turned out to clean bathrooms, paint dugouts, work on the field, and construct the new batting cage.

Work will continue in the weeks to come and by baseball season the 2007 baseball team will have something to be proud of each and every time the players hit the field. Coach Bucklew said he would like to



thank all those who have helped for their support and their true Tiger pride and spirit.

Those interested in helping are welcome to come out and show support for the continued work and the upcoming season.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Justin Williams



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is **Brian Blair**. He is the son of Dean and Melonice Blair.

Brian is active in many organizations at Elba High School including EHS Ambassadors, Sr. Beta and he is the VICA/Skills USA president. He is currently employed by The Elba Clipper as an office assistant. Brian's future plans are to attend EOCC and later transfer to Troy University and major in criminal justice as he hopes to follow in his father's footsteps someday by becoming a police officer.

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Two students recognized as Farm City essay winners

by Sydney Brunson

During the month of October, Mrs. Martin's 11th grade advanced English class was busy working on essays for the annual Coffee County Farm City Week essay contest.

This year's essay prompt was Farm City, partners in progress. Students were allowed to express their creativity and individuality by writing on whatever the prompt meant to them.

Elba High School was fortunate enough to have two students' writing abilities recognized. Tierney Starks was the contest winner and Yoquesha Terry was awarded second place.

Starks was awarded a plaque and announced at the Farm City banquet. Both students daily use their writing talents by participating in the school's journalism program.



Tierney Starks (left) was named contest winner and Yoquesha Terry (right) received second place.

Important Dates:

Jan. 15 - King/Lee Holiday
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April 6 - Good Friday
April 16-20 - Spring Break
April 23 - School Resumes
May 28 - Memorial Day
May 31 - Last Day for Students



TOP MAGAZINE SELLERS (by Michael Hall)...The juniors recently completed their annual magazine sale to raise money for the Junior/Senior Prom. The Top Sellers this year are as follows (from left): Jeremy Grissett, Yoquesha Terry, Brandie Summerlin, Ashton Rodriguez, and (not pictured) Brittany Holley and Will Gray. The top sellers will be on the prom committee and will oversee the planning and decorating of the prom.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



ELBA RESIDENT ROSA COLEMAN this year continued a tradition started many years ago by her mother. She played host Sunday, Dec. 17, for the annual family and friends Christmas dinner. The smell of good food and sound of even better fellowship filled the air inside the Elba Recreation Center building as the large group of family and friends gathered for the event. Above, WTVY Channel 4 news reporter Mike Gursan interviews Coleman (left) regarding the Christmas dinner. She has played host since 1984 taking over after her mother has done the same for approximately 15 years prior. The additional photos shown on this page represent scenes from the annual event always thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend.



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CASE NO. DV-2006-045

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SPORTS

Views from... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulatz, Sports Editor

Another new year has arrived, and at the Mulatz house that usually means it is time to make some new year's resolutions that we never seem to follow. Since the girls are both seniors I hope their resolutions are to study hard, make good grades and graduate, while Mom has already vowed to work out daily and document every step the girls make their senior years in school. As for Dad... I just hope to stay healthy, work hard to meet the needs of my family, drop more than just a few pounds, and be around this time next year to write my new year's column. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers reached the holiday break with an 8-8 record, and when you stop and realize on most nights the Tigers start five sophomores, to have eight wins under their belt at the break really ain't all that bad. Elba posted a 2-1 record at the tournament in Opp to place second behind the host Bobcats, and while they did have to settle for second, the Tigers stepped it up on the defensive end and really got after their opponents each and every night. Elba certainly doesn't have the biggest team around and has to be one of the youngest teams in the state. However, the Tigers play hard every time they hit the court and never back down no matter what the scoreboard might read. The Tigers' schedule only gets tougher and tougher as the season goes along, but if they will keep working and get after folks they should still be able to get their share of wins.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers snapped their long losing streak with a win over Slocomb in the consolation game of a tournament in Hartford, and maybe the win will wake the girls up and lead to more wins as they head into a new year. I saw the Lady Tigers play three games over the holidays and from the bleachers it looked like they expected to lose when they stepped on the court. They didn't get excited when they did something right, and showed no emotion at all when things went bad. Hopefully the win down in Hartford will be just what the Lady Tigers needed and we will see a more dedicated bunch of girls when they get back on the court this week.

*** All the county teams stayed busy over the holidays, but none of them really had anything to get excited about. New Brockton saw its losing streak reach five games with a lopsided loss to Houston County in a Dothan tournament, while Kinston and Zion Chapel both lost two games at the Opp tourney. There is still a lot of basketball left in the season for all the teams in the county, and I believe all three teams will get rolling very soon and give their fans something to cheer about. The Gamecocks are young, but have fun playing and just have to get back to the feeling they had to start the season, while the Bulldogs are very, very young and will only get better and better with experience. As for the Rebels, they are much better than even they realize, and once they hang a win on their side of the board they may take off and be a team to watch. No doubt, there is a lot of exciting high school basketball action ahead.

*** The biggest news in the county as far as basketball is concerned is the success of the Enterprise Wildcats. The Wildcats are off to an 18-1 start and over the holidays won a tournament in Andalusia and then coasted through the Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle event. Andalusia grad Albert Weeden came in this season to pump new life into the Wildcats' lackluster basketball program, and he has done that and more as he has his team playing at a level not seen in Enterprise in years. There is a lot of basketball yet to come and some of the Wildcats opponents may make adjustments to what the Wildcats are doing. However, when the people in Enterprise go to a basketball game you know something is going on, and this season there are actually Wildcat fans in the stands.

*** There is absolutely no doubt there are too many college bowl games. I have watched a few of the bowl games when there is nothing else on the television, and in between the enzyte commercials showing Bob grinning like a jack-o'-lantern and ESPN blowing its own horn, I have managed to watch a few. For some reason I watched all of the Motor City Bowl and the Chick-Fil-A Bowl, but missed the Independence Bowl and don't really have plans to sit and watch any of the BSC games. If there were any more bowl games I may get addicted to CSI Miami and never leave the couch!

*** In closing... it has been fun to read the blogs on the computer about the coaching search at Alabama. Some fans long plane flights in and out of Tuscaloosa to see where the Bama officials are going, while others want to be the first to name the new coach and pull muscles out of their backs. Now that the bowl season is almost over and the NFL season is winding down, a new coach should be found pretty soon. My guess? The only thing I know for sure is it won't be, and probably won't be you, either. It will be fun to keep reading the blogs after Bama finds its man to see what the Tide folks think.

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At Opp tournament

Elba Tigers run past county rivals

The Elba Tigers broke out of their scoring slump in a big way last week in the opening two rounds of the Opp Christmas Tournament as they ran past Zion Chapel 83-26 and Kinston 72-58 to push their record to 8-7 on the season.

Following are highlights of both wins:

ELBA 83
ZION 26

The Elba Tigers exploded for 35 points in the third quarter to blow the game open and rolled to an easy 83-26 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Last Tuesday night in the opening round of the Opp Christmas Tournament.

The Tigers took command early as they jumped out to a 15-4 first quarter lead, then outscored the Rebels 15-6 in the second quarter to carry a 29-11 lead in at the half. Elba came out running in the third quarter and scored on almost every trip down the court as the Tigers poured in 35 points in the stanza to open up a whopping 64-15 advantage. The pace slowed in the final stanza, but it made little difference as the Tigers remained in charge and posted the big 83-26 win over the Rebels.

Jason Mitchell scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Jordan Bryant added 13, Frank Morris added 11, and Gavin Respress and Jordan McBride both scored 10 points. Zach Stephens scored 14 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba (83): Hudson 4, Respress 10, Mitchell 19, Harrelson 4, Bryant 13, Caldwell 4, Belcher 5, Morris 11, Tillis 3, McBride 10, Z.C. (26): Winters 2, Stephens 14, Carter 4, Mancil 5.

ELBA 72
KINSTON 58

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and never looked back last Wednesday night in a 72-58 win over Kinston Bulldogs 72-58, in the second round of the Opp Christmas Tournament.

Kinston jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and moved on top 12-7 with 2:02

Elba Lady Tigers place third at Geneva County tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Geneva County Lady Dawg Invitational last weekend and posted a 1-1 record to bring home the consolation trophy for a third place finish in the four-team event.

The Lady Tigers opened the tournament Thursday night and dropped a 63-31 decision to Geneva County. LaFondra Thigpen scored 13 points and

Brantley and Zion Chapel represented on Birmingham News All-State grid teams

The Birmingham News announced its 2006 All-State high school football squads last week and included as first team selections were three members of the Brantley Bulldogs and one member of the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Brantley teammates named to the list were offensive lineman Wesley Hall, a 6-0, 240-pound, senior; linebacker Jeffery Daniels, a 6-2, 225-pound, senior; and defensive lineman Corey Latham, a 5-11, 180-pound, senior.

Zion Chapel's Joey Sunday, a 5-9, 285-pound, offensive lineman, was also a first team selection.

Receiving honorable mention were Elba's Frank Morris (DB), and Brantley's Justin Wright (DB) and Chris Booker (ATH).

Named to the first team on offense were lineman Joey Sunday, of Zion Chapel, and Wesley Hall, of Brantley. Sunday, a 5'9", 285-pound, senior, led the Rebels' ground attack from his spot on the offensive line, while Hall, a 6',

left in the stanza on a three-pointer by Matt Whigham, only to see Elba rally late and cut the Bulldogs lead to 14-12 on a basket by Gavin Respress and a free-throw by Jason Mitchell.

The Bulldogs regained command early in the second quarter and owned an 18-13 advantage with 6:47 remaining in the quarter after a driving lay-up by Jake Hataway. Kinston remained on top until late in the quarter, when Elba, sparked by 8 points by Frank Morris, went on a 12-0 run to pull ahead 33-23 with 1:42 left on the clock. Kinston scored late on a Hataway lay-up, but Elba's Antwon Tillis hit a put back at the buzzer and at the half the Tigers went in with a 37-26 lead.

The Tigers' Jordan McBride scored five points early in the third quarter to help Elba extend its lead to 44-29 with 3:29 remaining in the stanza, and after a basket by Frank Morris, the Tigers were in complete command with a 48-29 lead with 2:22 still left in the quarter.

The Tigers carried a 54-37 lead into the fourth quarter, and then put the game out of reach as they opened the stanza with a 10-0 run to grab a 62-37 lead with 6:46 remaining on the clock. Jason Mitchell scored 10 points in the final stanza and helped the Tigers move ahead 72-47 with 3:23 left, and while Kinston did score the game's final 11 points, it did little but change the score as Elba claimed the impressive 72-58 win.

Frank Morris scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Gavin Respress added 13, Jason Mitchell added 12 and Jordan McBride scored 10 points. Jake Hataway scored 15 points to lead Kinston and Matt Whigham added 11.

Elba (72): Hudson 1, Respress 13, Mitchell 12, Harrelson 2, Bryant 11, Belcher 6, Morris 19, Tillis 8, McBride 10, Z.C. (58): Whigham 11, McCrummen 4, Jacobs 3, Hatway 15, Donaldson 7, Moss 5, Johnson 4, Sessions 1, Wise 2.

Elba came out ready to play in the tourney finals and used its quickness to slow down the high-powered Opp offensive attack, but the Tigers couldn't find their way to the basket and fell behind 11-0 with 2:29 remaining in the first quarter. Elba finally got on the scoreboard on a basket by Gavin Respress with 1:58 left in the quarter, but the Tigers added only one more basket in the stanza and went into the second quarter trailing 16-4.

Opp remained in command early in the second quarter and opened up a 24-8 lead with 5:38 remaining in the stanza. However, Elba finally came to life on offense and sparked by back-to-back three-pointers by Jordan Bryant cut the Opp advantage to 24-19 with 2:18 left on the clock. The Elba rally proved to be short lived, as Opp scored the game's next six points to grab a 30-19 lead and

carried a 30-21 lead in the half.

Elba's Jason Mitchell drilled a long three-pointer with 4:56 remaining in the third quarter to bring the Tigers fans to their feet. However, the Mitchell basket was Elba's first of the quarter and did little but cut the Opp lead to 47-38 with 1:24 remaining in the fourth quarter. Opp regained command in the closing minute and outscored Elba 7-0 to claim the win and claimed the tourney title with the 54-38 win.

Jordan Bryant scored 9 points and Gavin Respress added 8 to lead Elba, while Rhet Barnes scored 15 points to lead Opp and Darnay Edwards added 11.

Opp (54): Edwards 11, Wilson 4, Jones 9, Barnes 15, Lacy 2, Jones 8, J. Lacy 1. Elba (38): Respress 8, Mitchell 5, Bryant 9, Belcher 7, Morris 4, Tillis 1, McBride 4.



Elba's Frank Morris (20) shifts the basketball to his left hand as he tries to convert a lay-up over Zion Chapel's Adam Carter. Morris was named to the All-Tournament team for his efforts in the three-day tournament in Opp.

(Photo by Laura Badley)

Opp tames Tigers

Elba falls in finals 54-38

The Elba Tigers went over six-minutes without scoring a point in the opening quarter and never recovered Thursday night as they lost to the Opp Bobcats 54-38, in the championship game of the Opp Christmas Tournament.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
Elba at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB

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In Opp consolation game

Kinston Bulldogs zap Zion Chapel 70-43

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed third place honors in last week's Opp Christmas Tournament with a 70-43 final round win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, last Thursday afternoon at the Opp High School gym.

The Bulldogs held a slim 20-16 lead after one quarter of play, but outscored the Rebels 22-9 in the second quarter to open up a

42-25 halftime advantage. Kinston's lead went to 56-37 in the third quarter, and the Bulldogs survived late rash of fouls to escape with the big 70-43 win.

Tim Donaldson scored 22 points, and Matt Whigham added 16 to lead Kinston, while Zach Stephens led Zion Chapel with 17 points.

Bulldogs and Rebels are no match for 4A Bobcats

The Kinston Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels both butted heads with the host Opp Bobcats last week in the opening rounds of the Opp Christmas Tournament and both dropped hard fought decisions to the 4A Bobcats.

Following are highlights of both games:

OPP 64 KINSTON 45

The Kinston Bulldogs matched the Opp Bobcats basket-for-basket in the final two quarters last Monday night, but were unable to overcome a big halftime deficit as they opened the tournament with a 64-45 loss.

Opp came out ready to play in its holiday tournament and used its combination of speed and outside shooting to jump out to a big 35-15 halftime advantage. Kinston settled down in the third quarter and began to play with the Bobcats on both ends of the court, but did little to slow down the Opp attack as the Bulldogs trailed 56-30 heading into the final stanza.

Kinston took charge in the fourth quarter and outscored the Bobcats 15-8, but it was too little, too late, as the

OPP 70 Z.C. 41

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never recovered last Wednesday night in a 70-41 loss to the Opp Bobcats.

Zion Chapel could do little to slow down the Bobcats in the opening stanza and trailed 26-6 after one quarter of play, but the Rebels did settle down in the second quarter and outscored Opp 13-12 to cut the deficit to 38-19 at the half. The Bobcats regained command in the third quarter and extended their lead to 53-25, and turned back a late Rebel rally to hand Zion Chapel the 70-41 setback.

Zach Stephens scored 16 points and Adam Carter added 12 to lead the Rebels, while Opp was led by Rhett Barnes with 15 points, Rodney Colston with 14, and Danshay Edwards with 12.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Lady Rebels get in extra holiday work at Opp tournament

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Lady Rebels both competed in the Opp Christmas Tournament, with the Lady Bulldogs claiming third-place honors with a 1-2 record and the Lady Rebels placing fourth with an 0-3 slate.

Following are highlights of the girls' action:

Goshen 74 Zion Chapel 22

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels tipped off the tournament last Tuesday afternoon and dropped a lopsided 74-22 decision to the Goshen Lady Eagles. The Lady Rebels trailed only 20-8 after one quarter and were within striking range at 33-13 at the half, but saw the Lady Eagles pour in 41, second half points as Goshen took command and pulled away to claim the 74-22 win.

Torie Hodge scored 9 points and Jennifer Taylor added 8 to lead Zion Chapel, while Zadaous Pollard scored 22 points to lead Goshen and Whitley Sanford added 18.

Opp 43 Kinston 19

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs failed to score in the opening quarter and never recovered last Tuesday night as they fell to the Opp Lady Bobcats 43-19, in opening round action. Opp took advantage of the Lady Bulldogs' scoring woes to open up an early 8-0 advantage, and by the end of the third quarter Kinston found itself on the short end of a lopsided 40-11 score. The Lady Bulldogs did settle down late and held Opp to only 3 fourth quarter points, but it was too little, too late, as Opp easily held on to post the 43-19 win.

Kalleghe Sanders scored 10 points to lead Kinston, while Joi Rhymes scored 12 for the Lady Bobcats.

Goshen 64 Kinston 46

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs returned to the court last Wednesday afternoon and battled hard for all four quarters in a 64-46 setback to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Kinston couldn't keep pace with the speedy Lady Eagles in the opening half and trailed 39-16 at the half, then saw Goshen take complete command in the third quarter as the Lady Eagles pulled out to a 53-23 advantage. The Lady Bulldogs woke up on the offensive end of the court in the final stanza and matched their output from the initial three quarters. However, it did little but change the score as Kinston took the loss 64-46.

Kalleghe Sanders scored 24 points and Ashley McCall added 14 to lead Kinston, while Shonketa Christian scored 24 points and Zadaous Pollard added 16 to lead Goshen.

Opp 63 Zion Chapel 25

The Zion Chapel Rebels were outscored in all four quarters last Wednesday night as they fell to the Opp Lady Bobcats 63-25. The Lady Rebels had no answer for the Opp attack in the opening stanza as the Lady Bobcats ran out to a 24-6 advantage, and while Zion Chapel did settle down in the second half, it made little difference as the Lady Rebels absorbed the 63-25 defeat.

Torie Hodge scored 16 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Abby Foster scored 12 points and Sharece Stephens added 11.

Kinston 43 Zion Chapel 33

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead late in the second quarter and never looked back Thursday afternoon as they rolled to a 43-33 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. The Lady Rebels took command early and led 9-6 heading into the second quarter, only to see Kinston stage a late second stanza rally to sneak ahead 23-20 at the half. Kinston was never able to pull away, but the Lady Bulldogs did manage to hold on to their lead and claim the 43-33 win.

Kalleghe Sanders scored 17 points and Christie Whigham added 10 to lead Kinston, while Jennifer Taylor scored 14 points to lead Zion Chapel and Torie Hodge added 13.



Zion Chapel's Matt Brunson (20) dribbles up court after getting around an Elba defender. The Rebels placed fourth in last week's Opp Christmas Tournament. (Photo by Laura Basley)

OPP CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

BOYS:

Matt Whigham and Jake Hataway, of Kinston; Gavin Respress, Jason Mitchell and Frank Morris, of Elba; Zach Stephens and Adam Carter, of Zion Chapel; Danshay Edwards, Albert Wilson, Reggie Jones and Donald Jones, of Opp.

MVP - Rhett Barnes - Opp.

GIRLS:

Zadaous Pollard, Whitley Sanford and Shonketa Christian, of Goshen; Ashley McCall and Kalleghe Sanders, of Kinston; Torie Hodge and Anna Wilson, of Zion Chapel; Kiara Henderson, Joi Rhymes and Abby Foster, of Opp.

MVP - Sharece Stephens, Opp.



Kinston Lady Bulldog Heather Marlowe (24) shoots from the corner during action last week in the Opp Christmas Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs placed third in the three-day event. (Photo by Laura Basley)

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Sheriff-elect Dave Sutton introduces several key administration appointees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A motion approved during the last meeting of the Coffee County Commission drew yet another lengthy discussion Monday morning, Jan. 8, during the regular scheduled bimonthly meeting.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he believed an underhanded approach was taken during the previous Commission meeting to hire a specific consultant to look at the county's internal control, and he offered a motion Monday morning to rescind the action taken at the last meeting. This action was the hiring of Kathy Lolley as a consultant.

Commissioner Robert Stephens supplied a second to the motion. He said he would second the motion for the sake of all commissioners being able to vote on it.

Earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple had presented to commissioners a sheet of paper which he said included the job duties and schedule for Lolley to complete her consultant work.

Brooks said he did not believe the county should have to hire

someone to go behind the state auditors. Apparently using the paper supplied by Dalrymple, Brooks suggested Lolley would be paid \$100 per hour (4 hours per week) for up to six months.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook again confirmed her belief that it is the responsibility of the commission to make sure internal control is in order, and the hiring of Lolley as a consultant would support that responsibility.

Brooks' motion to rescind the hiring of Lolley as a consultant failed to pass with a vote of 2-4-1. Commissioners Brooks and Stephens voted in favor of rescinding while Commissioner Westbrook, Dalrymple, Tom Grimsley and Jim Thompson voted against it. Commissioner J.L. Weeks abstained from the vote.

Before any other action was taken, county attorney Joe Cassidy strongly encouraged commissioners to create a formal contract (agreement) with Lolley specifying the details of the job she is being hired for, a length of service and compensation for the service.

Commissioner Stephens offered a motion to accept the

attorney's advice asking him to prepare an agreement/contract to be approved by the commission. He received a second from Commissioner Weeks, and the motion passed by a 6-1 vote. Commissioner Brooks cast the lone opposing vote.

Commissioners opened proposals for the county depository during Monday's meeting. Only two proposals were received. The Peoples Bank of Coffee County presented a proposal with an interest rate of 5.52 percent for the entire year while CB&T presented a proposal with an interest rate of 4.03 percent for the 12-month period.

Commissioner Stephens said he thought the proposal spoke for themselves and offered a motion to award the county depository to The Peoples Bank. This motion passed by an unan-

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New Brockton Town Council tables garbage contract discussion

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council conducted a fairly routine meeting Monday evening, Jan. 8, as members gathered for

the regular monthly meeting.

While presenting his report to council members, Police Chief Dale Grimes said new police cars received through a USDA grant arrived last Saturday. He also announced that one of the older police vehicles was involved in an accident recently.

Due to the accident and with the arrival of the new vehicles, Grimes suggested and asked for approval from council members to repaint and stripe the (green)

vehicle he once drove and replace the wrecked vehicle with it on patrol. He also suggested using the wrecked vehicle for parts.

Since there was no immediate rush for an answer to this request, council members decided to table the issue for further discussion before making their decision. Council member Jeff White did ask Grimes to acquire some estimates regarding the cost of painting and striping the police vehicle.

Bids were opened last week regarding the town's new garbage contract, and Mayor Charles Cole said only one bid was received. He said the current contract holder, Arrow Disposal, presented a bid with two separate options.

During a brief discussion, council members conceded the cost of the garbage collection service will have to increase for residents with the new contract.

Conducted by Elba Police Department

Women's Safety course begins with sexual harassment, assault & rape prevention class

Elba Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey announced this week the previously advertised women's safety course offered by the Elba Police Department will be held in two phases.

Hanchey said Phase I of the course will involve the Sexual Harassment, Assault and Rape Prevention class. The class will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the Elba Fire Department.

This class is designed to promote safety awareness. The

class will be taught by qualified instructors, and they will stress the importance of being aware of surroundings, people and how to handle various situations.

Chief Hanchey said he would like for those interested in participating in these safety courses to contact him again to help verify the headcount. However, he also said the class will be open to all interested.

To sign up for the course, contact Chief Freddy Hanchey at 897-2555.

Joseph Kyle English joined the Elba Police Department five months ago and currently serves as a patrol officer.

While Officer English is just beginning his career in law enforcement, he said working in law enforcement has always been a dream of his.

"The five months I've been here have been most enjoyable," said English. "I love excitement, and with this job you get it every day."

In regards to training, English has 20 college credit hours in criminal justice.

He said he does not yet have a most memorable police experience but is looking forward to making many memorable ones.

English said he loves all sporting activities including basketball, baseball, fishing and hunting. His family includes his



Patrol Officer Kyle English with his family: wife, Kaci, and parents, Ken and Patsy English.

Angler Recognition Program will honor Alabama's record catches

Alabama anglers who land a "whopper" freshwater fish will soon be recognized by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under a new program that went into effect January 1.

The Fisheries Section of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division will unveil its Angler Recognition Program, which will highlight the achievements of freshwater fishermen, as well as maintain records in three categories – the state's 43 reservoirs, 20 state public fishing lakes and private ponds.

Cook said the expanded records program will start with black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted and redeye) with the intent to include other species later.

The good news for anglers is that there is more to the program than records. Anglers can be recognized for catching a certain size fish. The size of the fish will determine whether the angler receives a Master or Trophy designation. Plus, the Master and Trophy recognition won't be limited to black bass. It will also include black and white crappie; striped, white and hybrid bass; blue, channel and flathead catfish; redear and bluegill sunfish; walleye and sauger.

Damon Abernethy, the reservoir management biologist in charge of the program, said the achievement levels could be different for each body of water.

For the Master and Trophy certifications, an application form must be filled out and returned to Abernethy. Applications will be available online at www.outdooralabama.com, at all WFP district offices and many sporting goods stores.

All fish must be caught from Alabama waters. Anglers must possess a valid Alabama fishing license (anglers under 16 and over 65 are exempt from that rule). The application, which must be completed in full and witnessed, must be returned within 90 days of the catch along with a photograph with a side view of fish next to a ruler or yardstick. The photo must be

of high enough quality to determine which species it is. Anglers are also urged to include a second photo of the angler with fish to be posted on outdooralabama.com. A photocopy of the angler's fishing license, where applicable, must also be included.

For the Master and Trophy certification, fish may also be presented for recognition by length for those anglers who prefer to catch and release. "The lengths will correspond with weights," Abernethy said. "For instance, an eight-pound bass is 23 inches and a 10-pounder is 25 inches for largemouths."

In the lake records category, private ponds will be one category while each of the 43 reservoirs and 20 state public fishing lakes will be separate. The application process for lake records is also considerably more stringent. Lake records must meet either the Master or Trophy designation for a particular body of water. Fish submitted for a lake record must be verified by a fisheries biologist and the application must be notarized.

Line-class records recognized by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will be accepted, but an application must still be submitted for each fish.

The new program also includes what bass fishermen would consider the ultimate in their sport – the Black Bass Grand Slam. "Any angler who qualifies in either the master or trophy level for all four species of black bass will receive the Black Bass Grand Slam plaque," Abernethy.

All applications must be mailed to Damon Lee Abernethy, Reservoir Management Biologist, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, 64 N. Union St., Suite 551, Montgomery, AL 36130.

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